By ELI D AKE.

IRONTON. : : MISSOURL

President McKinley signed the free homes bill on the 17th.

Kain has quenched the forest fires north and west of Menominee, Wis., and most of the danger is now passed

The Berlin Vossische Zeitung, on the 16th, severely criticised the tariff policy of the United States government as affecting Porto Rico, and calls it brutally unfair to Europe.

Missouri supreme court, division No. 1, in an unanimous opinion by Judge

favorably the bill making regulations tary academy bill, was passed and sent to the senate. Matters of minor importance favorably the bill making regulations States and the several public land states.

The supreme court of Nebraska, on the 16th, ordered that the briefs of attorneys for the Standard Oil Co. be stricken from the files for the reason "that they contained improper and offensive implications" toward the court.

The steamer Empress of India, which arrived at Vancouver, B. C., on the 16th, brought the unwelcome news that the plague had again broken out in Japan. There were four cases of the disease in Osaka during April, all

The supreme court of the United States decided, on the 14th, in the case of Erb vs. Morasch, that the ordinance of the city of Kansas City, Kas., regulating the speed of railway cars was valid, notwithstanding an exception is made in the interest of one road.

Gen. Bates, paymaster general the army, and Gen. Ainsworth, chief of the bureau of records and pensions, were before the house committee on military affairs, on the 17th, and added their opinion against a change in the present staff organization of the army.

Representatives of the large oleomargarine and butterine concerns of Chicago, Kansas City, and other points were before the house committee on agriculture, on the 17th, in general defense of their industry and in opposition to proposed additional restric-

The Pensinsular Sugar Refining Co., of Michigan, has brought suit in the United States circuit court for New York, against James Speyer, Ferdinand, Herman and Martin Erdmann, bankers of New York city, to recover \$300,000 on a bond, which, it is claimed, was forfeited.

The supreme court of Nebraska has cited Edward Rosewater, of the Omaha Bee, to appear, June 5, and answer for contempt, based on the publication in The Bee of four articles relating to the action of Gov. Poynter and Judge Holcomb in the pending fire and police commission case.

The annual meeting of the German-American Publishers' association took place in Chicago on the 16th. The meeting was attended by every German-American newspaper publisher of prominence in the country. Important matters of general interest were discussed and steps taken accordingly.

Secretary of War Root has ordered three battalions of troops, consisting of one each of infantry, cavalry and artillery, from the department of the east, to take part in the Otis day celebration at Rochester, N. Y. A model camp will be established by the tor, whose appointment, he claims, was asm. troops at some location within the city

Acting Gov. Spriggs of Montana, on the 15th, appointed W. A. Clark, of Butte, United States senator to serve until the next legislature shall electhis successor. Senator Clark's resignation was filed early in the day with the governor, and at night he was appcinted by Gov. Spriggs to succeed himself.

Commissioner Wilson of the internal revenue bureau holds that building and loan associations making loans on collaterals to their own members only. and paying withdrawals of small amounts on demand upon receipts of their own members from whom they receive such deposits of money, are not liable to tax as bankers.

The steamship Maasdam, with the peace envoys from the South African republics, arrived at New York, on the 15th, after a voyage of 12 days from Rotterdam. They were met by a committee which went down the bay to greet them, and later were welcomed by a larger body of sympathizers gathered on the pier at Hoboken.

The post office department issued ar order, on the 15th, forbidding the delivery of mail matter and the payment of money orders to the American School of Magnetic Healing, S. A. Weltmer, president, and J. H. Kelly secretary, of Nevada, Mo. This action was based upon allegations that money was being obtained under false pre-

Geo. I. White, a brother of Justice Terrance G. White, of the New York supreme court, shot himself at Buffalo, N. Y., on the night of the 18th, while standing in front of a mirror in his office. Up to within a short time ago he was very wealthy, and the head of Field Cornet Gassen and 22 others. a prominent real estate firm. Financial reverses are undoubtedly the cause

The first announcement of the relief of Mafeking in London was made by the lerd mayor, at the Mansion House, on the 18th, at 9:40 p. m. In less than an hour the city's hundred square miles was a seething cauldron of joyful enthusiasm, demonstrations of all kinds being continued upon the streets all night. Col. Baden-Powell was the hero of the hour. The 18th was the time limit set by Gen. Roberts, some time ago, for the relief of "e beleaguered town.

Lron County Register. TOPICS OF THE DAY

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE FIFTY-SIXTH CUNGRESS.

In the senate, on the 14th, after a dis-cussion lasting five full days, the naval appropriation bill was passed as reported appropriation bill was passed as reported by committee, with the exception of the armor plate provision. As passed, the secretary of the navy is authorized to procure armor at \$445 per ton, if possible; if not, he may contract at \$545 per ton for armor for the battleships Maine, Ohio and Missouri, and proceed to erect an armor factory to cost not to exceed \$4,000,000. The "free homes" bill was passed without a word of debate..... In the house the general deficiency appropriation bill was passed, substantially without amendment. The bill carries \$3,839,021.

In the senate, on the 15th, Mr. Clark

In the senate, on the 15th, Mr. Clark (Mont.) fairly swept the chamber by surprise when he arose and announced his desire to address the body on a question of privilege personal to himself and, analyz-Valliant, on the 15th, decided the fellow-servant law of 1897, applying to railroads only, to be constitutional and valid.

Senator Nelson, from the committee on public lands, on the 18th, reported favorably the bill making regulations

Privilege personal to himself and, analyzing the testimony adduced at the investingation, arraigned the committee's action and report. He explained political and business affairs in Montana, bitterly excoriated Marcus Daly and his friends, declidren a name untarnished by the breath of disgrace, and announced that he had forwarded his resignation to the governor of Montana..... In the house the last of the general appropriation bills, the military academy bill, was passed and sent to

occupied the remainder of the session. In the senate, on the 16th, discussion of the administration of affairs in Cuba by agents of the United States formed the by agentr of the United States formed the chief topic. A number of bills of minor importance, including 7? private pension bills, were passed.... In the house little was accomplished beside the passing of senate bill to incorporate the American National Red Cross. The Alaskan civil code bill was taken up, but no progress was made owing to the inability of the two sides to agree as to the time to be allowed for general debate. The conference report on the District of Columbia appropriation was returned, after extended debate.

In the senate, on the 17th, the post office appropriation bill being under consideration, the committee amendment for the extension of the pneumatic tube service encountered some opposition, and was under debate when the senate adjourned. An amendment to reduce by ten per cent. the amount to be paid the railroads for transportation of mail matter was rejected, Il to 41.....In the house a special river and harbor bill, carrying \$400,000, for survey and emergency work, was passed. The remainder of the session was devoted to the Alaskan code bill, four of the 617

pages of the measure being disposed of. In the senate, on the 18th, nearly the entire day was devoted to consideration entire day was devoted to consideration of the pneumatic tube provision of the post office appropriation bill. Senator Morgan introduced a resolution calling for an investigation of the Panama Canal Co., and, in a speech, severely criticised that company. Senator McCumber spoke in favor of retaining the Philippine islands......In the house a bill introduced by Mr. Cov. (Tonn) to pay confederate sol-Mr. Cox (Tenn.) to pay confederate sol-diers who surrendered at Appomattox for the loss of horses and other personal ef fects taken from them in violation of Lee's capitulation to Grant, was passed.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL

The news of the passage of the Havaiian bill making Hawaii a territory under the presidency of Sanford 3. Dole, was received in Honolulu on May 9 with rejoicing. Preparations are being made for immense public celebra-

Philip W. Shaw, a prominent planter, night of the 17th. A posse was organized and both negroes caught, and tak-

and shot. There is talk in Pretoria of President Kruger contemplating departure from the capital. There seems no longer any doubt of the intention of the Transvaal to transfer the seat of government to the Lydenberg district, and to endeavor to make a final stand

Rev. William Armstrong Eckols, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Middleport. O., and a commissioner to the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, at St. Louis, fell dead in the auditorium of the church on the 17th, just before the convening of the as-

Friends of Admiral and Mrs. Dewey say that the latter has changed her mind since her return to Washington. Mrs. Dewey, her friends say, hopes that the admiral will reconsider his determination to enter politics.

Gov. Smith of Montana will enter the result of a conspiracy entered into by Lieut.-Gov. Spriggs and Clark's Steamship Co. will establish an indo-

Nine hundred fresh, rosy-cheeked Irish girls took Battery Park, New York, by storm on the 17th. It was a regular Irish day at the parge office, extending to the Boer peace commis-The Teutonic brought this big grist of sioners the privileges of the floor of Irish girls and women. Eleven hundred more are expected on the 20th.

cisco, on the 18th, for the arrest of Mrs. Craven, Justice of the Peace Simpkin and Adolph Sylva. The first propriate \$225,000 to carry out existing two were indicted by the grand jury contracts for the pneumatic tub; Hannibal & St. Joseph road, at Camin connection with the Fair-Craven case. Their bail has been fixed at \$10,-000 each.

Senator Sewell. from the committee on military affairs, on the 18th, made a favorable report on the house bill appropriating annually \$1,000,000 for the militia of the various states.

Dun's Weekly Review, issued on the 19th, said: "Failures for the week have been 117 in the United States, of Pekin, which arrived at San Franagainst 147 last year, and 30 in Canada, against 17 last year."

United States Minister Loomis, at Caracas, has informed the department efficient fleet that protects the little \$12,000. of state that an official census just taken fixes the population of Venezuela at 2,225,527 persons.

The strawboard and paper box factory of the Utility Paper Co., covering five acres, at Hartford City, Ind., was burned on the night of the 18th. Loss, \$100,000; covered by insurance.

It was officially announced at Pretoria, on the 18th, that when the laagers and forts around Mafeking had been severely bombarded the siege was abandoned, a British force from the south taking possession of the

The Boer generals, Duprey and Daniels, with 40 men, surrendered to the British at Hoopstad, on the 17th, and on the same day Hutton's mounted infantry captured, 30 miles northwest of Kroonstad, Commandant Botha,

The Cunard steamship Carintha,

while on her way from New Orleans to Cape Town, ran full speed on the shore at Point Gravois, on the south coast of Hayti, on the 18th. The Carintha has 1,450 mules on board, shipped for the British army in South Africa. There were 140 men on board. Both the Yosemite Valley stagesone going each way-were held up, on the night of the 17th. by a lone highwayman at Big Neck Flat, Cal. About \$200 was secured from the pas-

sengers. Neither the women nor the

Wells Fargo treasure boxes were mo-

lested.

Wild with enthusiasm as London was over the relief of Ladysmith, even more crazy scenes were witnessed, on the night of the 18th, when the news of the relief of Mafeking was received The metropolis fairly went mad in demonstrations of delight over the event. The gallant defense of the

place is likened to that of Lucknow, during the Indian mutiny. At the cabinet meeting, on the 18th, the question of the reception of the Boer envoys was discussed. It is understood that they probably will be presented to the president by the secretary of state. They will be received with every courtesy, but only as private

citizens . The United States ambassador's carriage is allowed the same privileges on the streets of the City of Mexico as that of the president of the republic, and two policemen have been discharged for refusing to allow the carriage in which were the ambassador's daughters, wife and the British consul

to stand in front of a dry goods shop. A proclamation purporting to have been issued by Aguinaldo, and dated May 4, from Polillo island, one of the Philippine group, east of Luzon, is circutating in Manila. It says the commission appointed by President Mc-Kinley was appointed without the auhence, it can not treat officially.

Congress will investigate affairs in Cuba. The president favors this strongly. He has communicated his wishes to leading republican senators and representatives. There is a general agreement that the recent developments call for a thorough overhauling and ventilation.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

In the senate, on the 19th, the post office appropriation bill being under consideration, the whole proposition relating to the transportation of mails by the pneumatic system was laid on the table. Statues of Benton and Blair, presented by Missouri, and of Ulysess S. Grant, presented by the Grand Army of the Republic, were accepted....In the house the session was mainly taken up with the ceremonies attending the unveiling of the statue of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, presented to the nation by the Grand Army of the Republic, in the retunda of the capitol building.

A lone highwayman entered the cor ridor of the Coates hotel, one of the leading hotels in Kansas City, Mo., at 11:30 p. m., on the 20th, and seizing the strong box from the cigar stand, escaped. The box contained diamonds valued at \$1,500, \$250 in gold, currency. and silver, and checks to the amount of \$100. A number of persons were present, but before they realized what ha?

happened the robber had escaped. The Russian embassy has considera- W. Taylor, of St. Louis. bly perturbed governmental and dipwas shot and fatally wounded by Wil- lomatic circles in Constantinople by inliam Fisher and his son, negroes, two viting the immediate attention of the miles from Minter City, Miss., on the porte to the deplorable situation of many districts of Armenia, resulting from brutal methods of collecting taxes and from persecutions, which have driven many toembrace Islamism, while whole communities are preparing to emigrate to Russia.

Five hundred insurgents, half ot whom were armed with rifles, ambushed 80 scouts of the Fortieth volunteer infantry in the hills near Aqua. san, in the northern part of Mindanao P. I. The Americans routed the natives, killing 51. The American casualties were two killed and three wounded.

The dress rehersal of the Passion the annual confederate reunion at Play at Oberammergau, Bavaria, on Louisville, Ky., May 30 to June 3. the 20th, was attended by 4,000 people, many Americans being present. It was an all-day performance with Biblical tableux of the scenes preceding

the crucifixion intervening. Sousa's band gave a concert, on the 20th, in Kroll's garden, in Berlin. The American colony in that city was well represented. At the request of Mr. a vigorous protest against the recogni- White, the band played "Watch on the tion of Clark as United States sens- Rhine," and there was much enthusi-

of Brazil.

In the senate, on the 21st, a resolution offered by Mr. Allen (pop., Neb.) the senate during their sojourn in Washington, was defeated, after Warrants were issued in San Fran- sharp debate, by a vote of 36 to 21. The post office appropriation bill was passed finally, the amendment to apservice being agreed to ... In the house, under suspension of the rules, a bill caused her death. to extend the eight-hour law to all laborers employed on contract on government work, was passed, as was the bill to prohibit interstate traffic in prison-made goods, by bringing them

under the police of the state. The admiral of the Siamese navy was a passenger on the steamer City cisco on the 21st. He is A. du Plessis de Richelieu, who, for the last 26 years,

Asiatic nation from foes on the sea. In moving the second reading of the Australian federation bill, in the British house of commons, on the 21st, the secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Chamberiam, announced that a complete agreement had been reached with the delegates on the lines of the

government's proposals. Secretary of State Hay, on the 21st, informed the Boer delegates that the physicians were in attendance. president felt that in the circumstance no course is open to him except to persist in the policy of impartial neutrality between England

and the South African reputlics. The queen, at Windsor, on the 21st, reviewed a detachment of the guards, which was proceeding to South Africa. Her majesty addressed the troops, wishing them success and expressing the hope that she would see them all | breakfast. Both colored. back at no distant date.

The official announcement of the relief of Mafeking was received at the London war office, on the 21st, from Gen. Lord Roberts. The town was actually relieved on the 18th, the date previously named by the great general. Fourth Assistant Postmaster Gener-

al Bristow, on the 21st, took over the direction of the postal affairs of Cuba and Porto Rico, relieving Estes G. Rathbone, director of posts, suspended on the 19th.

The czar has ratified all the articles agreed upon at The Hague peace con- his cellmate, Conway Gorman. ference.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS. What It Will Cost.

It will cost the man who goes to Kansas City to attend the Democratic national convention just \$20 to stop at a strictly first-class hotel. This will include meals and the privilege of a bath. Four to six persons will occupy each room, each paying \$20. This is on the basis of \$5 a day per man, American plan, with a minimum limit of four days. This rate applies to the Baltimore, Midland and Coates, which charge \$4 to \$5 a day, American plan, regularly. These have not raised their rate, except in the way of putting five persons in a room and fixing a four-day limit. The Savoy, the Blcsom, the Centropolis and several other hotels whose regular rate, with one person in a room, is \$2 to 2.50 per day, will

charge \$12 for the convention. From Near Where Lyon Fell. The nineteenth encampment of the Missouri Grand Army veterans was held at Springfield. Commander Scott called the essembled delegates together, and Commander Hubbard, of Springfield, welcomed him on behalf of the G. A. R. of Springfield. At the close of his remarks he presented to the department of Missouri a gavel made of the wood of a hickory tree cut horization of congress, and that, 25 years ago from within 20 feet of the spot where Gen. Lyon fell at Wilson's Creek. Part of the tree is now preserved in the Drury college museum, and contains a cannon ball imbedded in the wood.

Julius Courtney Acquitted.

The jury in the case of Julius Courtney, in the Scotland county circuit court, charged with the murder of William Hill, and after being out about thirty minutes, returned a verdict of not guilty. On the night of January 27 Hill was taken suddenly ill in saloon in Memphis, shortly after drinking some beer purchased by Courtney, and he died within half an hour. Courtney was indicted by the grand jury, charged with having caused his death by putting strychnine in the beer. The trial lasted all week, and the case was hotly contested.

G. A. R. State Officers.

The officers elected for the coming year at the encampment of the G. A. R. at Springfield, were: Department commander, W. F. Henry, of Kansas City; senior vice-commander, W. H. Skinner, of Bethany; junior vice-commander, A. R. McDonald, of Springfield; chaplain, Rev. T. J. Ferrell, reelected; medical director, Dr. A. Van Nutre, of Lamar; assistant adjutantgeneral, Thomas B. Rodgers, of St. Louis. Council of Administration-Ira T. Bronson, of Sedalia; Arnold Beck, F. P. Becker, John M. Wherry and N.

Stabbed With Scissors.

Thomas H. Moss lies in the Kansas City hospital, dangerously wounded, being stabbed by his wife with a pair of scissors. One of the plades entered Moss' right side and penetrated the lower part of the lung. Physicians say he may die, as internal hemorrhages have set in. Mrs. Moss is under arrest.

Sons of Confederate Veterans. R. C. Clark, major general commanding the Missouri division, United Sons of Confederate veterans, has issued through H. P. Mason, adjutant general and chief of staff, general order of Fayette, sponsor for the division at

Dying Man Baptized.

Nathan Bass, aged 71 years, was baptized at his home, nine miles southwest of Golden City. He realized that death was near, and sent for a tank and a Christian minister. The water was heated, and he was lifted from his bed and immersed. The usual rites were observed.

Recent Deaths.

John C. Williams, 82 years of age In July the Hamburg-America's and for 80 years a resident of Lincoln county, at his home in Corso. Mr. pendent service to the northern port; Williams was an extensive farmer, and succeed Col. Schiel, the captured artilconducted a store in Corsa for 22 years.

Dr. Love Indicted. Dr. I. N. Love, a St. Louis practiioner and publisher, has been indicted

with sending obscene literature through the mails. Woman Killed by a Locomotive. Mrs. M. A. Cravens, aged 69 years,

was struck by a locomotive on the eron, and received injuries which

Wants Her Dog.

Mrs. Spiegel, of 4575 Evans avenue, St. Louis, offers a reward of \$50 for the return, dead or alive, of a Mexican dog, which has been a pet in the family for 16 years.

Want to Tax Vehicles. The city administration of St. Joseph will endeavor to force through an ordinance taxing all vehicles to the ex-

has been in command of the small but | tent of increasing the city revenue On Account of Old Age. Rev. Henry McKay, rector of Christ's

Episcopal church, at Boonville, and

well known throughout the state, has resigned on account of old age. State Medical Association. The State Medical association met at the Grand opera house, Mexico, for

A Mean Burglar. Max Goldberg, of St. Louis, had to ostpone his marriage to Miss Mollie Friedman for one day because a burglar stole the marriage license.

Rat Poison for Her Husband. Nancy Bates murdered her husband at Carrollton by sprinkling rat roison on meat she prepared for his

Diocese of Missouri. held its sixty-first convention at Christ Church cathedral, St. Louis. The attendance was good. Death of an Aged Minister.

81, died at Marshall. He had been for 50 years a Cumberland Presbyterian minister. One Convict Kills Another. Martin Farley a convict in the penitentiary, was stabbed and killed by

Rev. Dr. Ezra Kitchell Squier, aged

NOW ANXIOUS FOR PEACE.

President Kruger Said to Have Asked L Salisbury for Terms of Peace.

London, May 21, 3:10 a. m.-Displayed in the most conspicuous style in the Daily Express is the dominant war news of the morning:

"We have the best reason for stating that in the last 24 hours a telegram has been received at the foreign office addressed personally to the prime minister from President Kruger asking terms of peace.

"The exact terms of the message can not be stated, but we believe it is couched in an exceedinly humble

It is inconceivable, of course, that Lord Salibury can have sent any reply except the one that stands ready on the lip of every Briton-unconditional surrender.

The boisterous rejoicings over the news from Mafeking have become riots in parts of London, Aberdeen and Belfast, and elsewhere in the United Kingdom.



COL BADEN-POWELL Heroic Defense of Mafeking Has

Made Him Famous.) Special prayers of thanksgiving were offered, yesterday, in the churches of the United Kingdom. The lord bishop of London, Dr. Mandell Creighton, who preached before the queen at Windsor, alluded to the relief of Mafeking, and clergymen generally found in the event their topic for the day.

The situation in the field has changed but little since Friday. Lord Roberts' troops are in fine form, and abundantly supplied. Indications seem to point to an early movement. His cavalry, riding over several hundred square miles in a semi-circle beyond Kroonstad. have received the submission of

hundreds of Free Staters. It now appears that the De Wet, who offered to surrender, with 1,000 men, was not the well-known general De Wet, but Commandant De Wet. H: As the result of a family quarre!, stipulated that his men should be allowed to return to their farms. Lord Roberts replied that the surrender must be unconditional.

The Botha who was captured the other day is Philip Botha,

BOER WOMEN CARRY RIFLES.

Anxious to Go to the Front-Say the British Will Not Fire on Them. Dundee, May 17, Thursday.-The British infantry passed through Newcasale at five o'clock. A few residents were congregated at street corners, wearing the national colors. After No. 4, appointing Miss Evelyn Watts, their walk of 22 miles the men ap-

peared in splendid style. The Boers are endeavoring to reor ganize along the Heidelburghills. Many rebels have been found on the farms well supplies with ammunition and

Recent visitors to Johannesburg say the Boers are beginning to realize the seriousness of their position, and they are anxious to know what is to be come of them. The Boer women carry rifles in the streets, and are eager to go to the commandos. They say the

British will not fire upon them. Muller, a former officer in the Prussian army, refused £60 per month and a command from the Boers to

iery commander. A tremendous quantity of looted furniture was found stored in the town hall. Evidently the Boers had intendby the federal grand jury, charged ed to burn it, but they were prevent-

ed by the hurry of the evacuation. The three-span bridge at Ingagon has been destroyed, and the station burned. The Boers blew up the water | bound together by bands of iron. to tank and destroyed the waterworks

Dispatch from Lord Roberts. London, May 21, 11:55 p. m .- The following is the text of Lord Roberts'

dispatch: "Kroonstad, May 20, 3 p. m. "No official intimation has yet been relief of Mafeking has been effected. "Rundle reports having occupied Bresler's Flat, Trommel and Clocolan. the enemy falling back on Senekal and Fricksburg. Fifty rifles and 3,000 rounds were surrendered by the Free Staters to a battalion of yeomanry working along the telegraph line from Boshof to Bloemfontein. A field cornet and 20 burghers surrendered at Boshof

vesterday. "While at Hoopstad, Methuen secured 250 rifles and between four and

five hundred thousand rounds." A DASH ON BOTHAVILLE.

a three day's session. From 200 to 300 Hutton's Mounted Infantry Makes

Some More Captures. Kroonstad, Friday, May 18.-Gen Hutton, with his mounted infantry, made a dash upon Bothaville and captured three commandants and 19 other | which he drew largely in his discusprisoners, mostly Zarps. The Colt sions of all questions. Apace with his machine gun section, commanded by Atlumney, has arrived here. Owing to and foresight, and in his uncompromthe derailing of two trains at the Vet | ising devotion to what he honestly berivers, progress toward the completion | lieved to be the best interests of our of the railway deviation will be de-

layed for some days. Cape Town, -May 20 .- The Cape Argus says that eighty of Eloff's patrol were killed and that the Irish American brigade were greatly cut up at Kroonstad.

General Rejoicing in Canada. New York, May 20.—According to the specials received by New York papers from various points throughout Canada there is general rejoicing among the English speaking residents of the Dominion over the relief of Mafeking.

Acceptance of the Statues of Benton and Blair by the United States Congress.

ELOQUENT EULOGIES IN THE SENATE.

Counterfeits of Thomas Hart Benton and Francis Preston Blair Stand in the National Hall of Fame as Representatives of Missouri's Highest Type of Citizen ship and Statesmanship.

Washington, May 19 .- The senate de voted two hours this afternoon to the acceptance of the statues of Thomas Hart Benton and Francis Preston Blair, which for more than a year have occupied places in Staturay hall of the capitol assigned to Missouri's repre-

sentatives in the Hall of Fame. Early in the session to-day Senator Cockrell called up the resolutions accepting on behalf of the United States the statues of Benton and Blair pre-

sented by Missouri. After Gov. Stephens' letter of pre sentation was read, speeches of eulogy were made by Senators Vest, Cockrell

and Hoar. Senator Vest spoke for one hour. He eloquently reviewed the lives and characters of Benton and Blair. His speech will rank as a historical address. It was given close attention by the sen-

"It has often been asked," said he whether Benton was the equal of his three great contemporaries-Clay. Webster and Calhoun. He was not the equal of Clay as an orator, nor of popularity, the love of old friends and Webster as a lawver, nor was he the equal of Calhoun as a close, analytical ter passions of his soul, as it seemed, debater, but he was the superior of on the one hand, and freedom and any of the three as a material, valuable allround legislator. His industry was unparalleled, his honesty above question, his courage, moral and physical, equal to that of any man that ever lived upon the earth."

Referring to the famous duel be ween Benton and Lucas, the senator said: "It would, perhaps, not be improper to speak of the tragic event which east gloom and shadow upon Benton's life. Benton came from that old Virginia stock which was extreme- Winthrop to make room for him. Webly sensitive as to personal honor. I never agreed with him politically, but marble lips of Charles Sumner, whom to-day will state what I know to be Benton welcomed in the senate in 1851, true, that Benton never knew the sen- will return the greeting now from sation of fear, either in public or pri-

"At the first election, after Benton went to St. Louis, young Lucas, a son liberty, the love of justice, the love of of Judge Lucas, challenged Benton's national honor, the spirit that prizes vote, after the latter had sworn that liberty and justice and honor above he was legally entitled to vote in St. gain or 'rade or empire-the spirit of Louis. Benton construed this as a this great statesman of the westcharge of perjury, which, as he de- abides and shall abide forever." clared at the time, could only be wiped challenged Lucas promptly, and they Louis. Lucas was almost mortally wounded. Benton waited until he was convalescent, and then challenged him

again. In the second encounter Lucas was killed. "Benton never admitted that, in the absence of a full apology as to what Lucas had done, he could retain his self-respect, or deserve that of others. until he had killed the man who had attacked his honor. All this now sounds barbarous, but if we carry ourselves back to the time when it occurred it will charitably be admitted that, entertaining the opinions he did. Benton could hardly have acted differently. Dueling then was an institution. All the distinguished men of the

United States fought duels." In conclusion Mr. Vest said: "Benton was not a southern democrat: he was a national democrat. He appreciated more thoroughly than any man of his era the possibilities of that vast country west of the Mississippi, destined to become the seat of empire upon this continent. I heard him, at a little town on the Missouri river, advancing with his right arm extended to the east, declare with the tone of an ancient prophet, "there is the east, but here is the road of empire.' His statue in Forest park, St. Louis, bears upon the pedestal this prophetic statement. He declared, and men then laughed at him, that this continent would be carry our produce to the Pacific slope pipes, but the system can be renewed. to meet the necessities of innumerable

millions in Asia and the orient. "Benton's political mantle fell, logically and inevitably, upon the shoulders of Frank P. Blair. But for Blair. military strength to the southern promptness with which Blair acted. Blair had bitter enemies, like all men of positive convictions, but even these but respected it because he was open,

fair, fearless and true. "Benton and Blair sleep together on so long as this capitol shall stand, or be eloquent and eternal witnesses to the greatness of Missouri and her

chosen sons.' Mr. Cockrell did not speak owing to lack of time, but in his written eulogy he said of Benton.

"He was a close, laberious and constant student from boyhood to his death, and acquired and possessed a greater fund of information and knowledge, general and historical, than any statesman of our country, from increasing years he grew in knowledge common country and the toiling millions of our people and was the friend of the people. Believing he was right, he never stopped to count the strength of his opposition, but moved to the attack with unyielding determination and force."

As to Mr. Blair. Mr. Cockrell said: "His greatest prescience and force of character were made manifest when the lowering clouds of the civil war portended a dissolution of the Union. Equally with Jackson and Benton uncompromising in his devotion to the Union and in opposition to nullification or secession, he foresaw plainly that war was inevitable.

"He was open, frank, bold and ag gressive in the expression of his views and the advocacy of his principles, whether popular or obnoxious at the time, and yet so fempered them with geniality and magnanimity that few could keep from admiring him, and few, indeed, were his personal ene-

Senator Hoar said in part.

"The whole country approves the choice of Missouri. When the figure of Benton is unveiled the genius of Missouri-rather, the genius of the westhas come. He is the last and among his peers, the representative, the embodiment, of a great history.

"Missouri did well that she waited nearly half a century after his death before electing him to the greater and perpetual senate, which is to sit forever in yonder chamber. It would be well if this example were always forlowed. No party spirit, no influence or friendship, no mere personal gratitude, no temporary or fleeting popularity has influenced the choice. We know now what manner of man Missouri delighted to honor and what manner of man the American people

delight to honor. "Thomas H. Benton was a sturdy and courageous champion. He understood, as no other man ever understood, the interest of the great west. He is, beyond all question without competitor or rival down to this moment, the foremost statesman of the states beyond the Mississippi.

"He loved Missouri. He loved the west. He loved the south. From his coming into public life, indeed, from his first coming to manhood, there was scarcely a pulsation of the popular western heart which he did not share. Yet when the time came for him to choose between office, party, his state, companions, influence, power, the mascountry upon the other, he did not

hesitate in the choice. "That is the character which the great state of Missouri, speaking through ner governor and honored senators, gives to the American people to-day. Certainly Massachusetts feels herself and her great children of the days of the Puritan and the days of the revolution honored by the compan'onshir. Sam Adams, if need be, will draw a thought more night to John ster will greet his old antagonist. The yonder stately ante-chamber. The old strifes are forgotten. The old differences have vanished. But the love of

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fought on Bloody island, near St. The Instinct of Motherhood is stapidly Dying Out Among the Women of America.

"There are other and graver facts or which I can but hint here which prove how deep is the decadence of the old sacred family life, and how rapidly the instinct of motherhood is dying out among our women," writes "An American Mother." "One is the rapid and enormous increase of divorces in this country, especially in the northeastern farming states. It is not only the gay, self-indulgent nusband and wife who tire of each other, but the plodding farmer and the woman who is old and worn out with work. Another fact, even more tragic and significant, is the number of childless homes in the northern states. Hundreds of the oldest leading American families have become extinct in the last decade. The women of these families were notably active in public work. So large has been the decrease of births of Americau parentage in one section of this country that there is a real danger that the native stock there will entirely die uot. There are darker depths here which I shall not uncover. All women have looked into them."-La-

dies Home Journal. The French Workman.

Writing of "The Paris of the Fau bourgs," Richard Whiteing says of the

French workman: He is the creature of the street for the sense of the joy of life, and the creatupre of the home and the wookshop for the sense of the hardship, and sometimes of the sorrow. Fash-Missouri would have given her solid ioned as he is in this way, two outside forces contend for the possession received, but Reuter states that the cause; and the result of the war of him. The question of questions is: might have been different but for the Will he take his guidance from the recognized agencies within the law, or from the agencies of revolt? The state, and also, as we have seen, the church, enemies never doubted his sincerity, offer him all sorts of bribes and bonuses to consent to work in their way. They recognize his trade and selfhelp societies. They try to get him to Missouri soil, almost side by side, and the altar os a devotee, and to the urn as a voter. But he has heard of Utothis nation exist, their statues will pias, and he longs to have one more struggle for absolute perfection at short notice, though he maa have to lay down his life in the attempt. The key to modern French history is to be found here. Every pilitical movement has to be a compromise between the aspirations of the fauborg and the world as it wags. The French workman has been bred in the belief in revolution as a recognized agency of progress, and by instinct and habit he loathes second-best. The older order offers him the churches, the thrift and benefit societies, con-operation, insurrance against accidents, education, technical and other-the old political economy, in a word, and the paternal state. The new whispers socialism, the

> When a man goes in to pay a bill that has run disgracefully long, he likes to take out a whole lot too much money to show that he is not broke. after all.

with these the barricade.-Century.

As a man grows older he pays less attention to keeping his feet clean when he comes into the house.

One bald-headed man may tease another with impunity, but any other man would better not try it.